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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அதைத்தான் நான் ஆங்கிலத்தில் சொன்னேன். சாதாரணமாகக் கிராமக் கர்ணங்கள்தான் இந்த வேலையைச் செய்வார்கள். அவர்கள் போதவில்லை என்ற காரணத்தினால்தான், ஆசிரியர்களும் இந்தப் பணியில் ஈடுபடுத்தப்பட்டார்கள்.

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMY : அவர்கள் பேரில் நம்பிக்கை இல்லையா என்பதைத் தெரிந்துகொள்ள விரும்புகிறேன். அவர்கள் கொடுக்கும் கணக்கு சரியில்லையா ?

Pension to teachers

* 139 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received by the Government about the delay in the grant of pension to teachers; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to the Special Officers of District Boards and Executive Authorities of Municipalities to give high priority to pension applications of teachers and dispose of them quickly.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, are the Government aware of the fact that more time is taken in the gathering of the particulars and will they simplify the procedure so that even a year before the teacher is to retire, the particulars might be gathered and the pension paid within at least two or three months of his retirement?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Formerly, the practice was that breaks in service were also taken into consideration and it took a good deal of time to find out the breaks and the reasons for the breaks and then write to Government for condoning the breaks. But now we have passed general orders that all breaks could be condoned and that the actual service could be taken into consideration for calculation of pension. I hope this will facilitate the calculation of pension.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. Minister enlighten us on how many applications are actually pending at the time in the Education Department?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not have the figures with me now.

SRI B. K. NALLASWAMI : Sir, the giving of pension itself is prohibited even in cases where there is a break of service due to summer vacation intervening. It was said that there were some applications for condoning breaks. I want to know whether the Government have condoned them.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is what I said now. Now that a decision had been taken in regard to breaks, they need not be condoned, because without taking into account the

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breaks, only the service could be taken into account and the pension calculated—it is not necessary hereafter to condone breaks.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR: ஆசிரியர்களுக்கு சர்வீஸ் ரெஜிஸ்டர் இருக்கிறதா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: இருக்கிறது.

Salaries to teachers

*140 *Q.*—SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that some of the teachers of High Schools under Private Management in Tirupattur, North Arcot district, have not been paid their salaries for the last many months; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) & (*b*) If the hon. Member refers to the Ramakrishna High School, Tiruppattur, a statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

SRI K. M. RAMASAMY GOUNDER: In his report, the Director says that the school was not granted timely recognition in 1957–58 and that grants for the year were withheld. But subsequent to that, I received complaints that the teachers were not given their pay for the months of last October and November. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to expedite calling for reports and to arrange for seeing that this kind of chronic delays are not allowed to recur in future at least?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: There was a change in the management also—the Correspondent was changed—and we are hoping that with this change matters would improve.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: May I know whether in spite of the change in correspondentship, the pay of teachers is still in arrears for over one year or it has been paid?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I do not have that information.

Bridge across Palar river

*141 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state with reference to answer to Legislative Council Question No. 9, dated 31st October 1957—

(*a*) whether the work on the construction of a bridge across the Palar at Arcot has since been completed;

(*b*) if not, the stage at which it now stands and when the work is likely to be completed;

(*c*) whether any extra cost has been incurred by the Government on the continuance of the staff beyond the target date fixed for completion of work; and

(*d*) if so, whether there is any proposal to recover it from the contractors?

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[a] Printed as Appendix on pages 412–413 infra.